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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton  
Lt. Col. Kiel  
Lt. Col. Rogers  
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Mr. Strickland

State  
Army  
Navy  
Air Force  
CIA (Chairman)

2. The Committee approved a revised draft prepared by D/B of the Outline Guide for Section 80 (Introduction - Armed Forces) which incorporated suggestions made by the Army.

3. The State member submitted recommendations for minor changes in State's production schedule for FY 1951. These were approved by the Committee.

4. The Chairman informed the Committee that 25X1X7 had requested copies of the NIS on USSR. Currently, [REDACTED] is receiving only the NIS on Alaska, Greenland, and Iceland in return for [REDACTED]. Since none of the NIS on USSR is controlled, the Chairman proposed that this request be complied with. The Committee approved the proposal.

5. The Chairman submitted copies of the NIS Correlation Guide which had been prepared by D/B with a view to improving the correlation of intelligence between the various sections and chapters of the NIS. The Guide is organized into primary and related treatment of intelligence. It is intended that analysts preparing material for the NIS use this guide as a means of determining in general terms where to look in the NIS for the primary treatment of subject matter directly related to the sections they are preparing.

Discussion by the Committee indicated that the NIS Correlation Guide should prove most useful in the preparation, review, and editing of NIS contributions. The Chairman requested the members to prepare comments on the proposed draft for the next meeting. D/B staff will have prepared by the next meeting a further expansion of the Guide in those portions where more detailed treatment appears necessary.

6. Copies of the Tentative NIS Production Schedule for FY 1952 were distributed to the members. The Chairman pointed out that, while Chapter VII (Scientific) production schedule was included, it had still to be approved by the SIC. The Schedule calls for 705 sections, which means an average monthly production of 50 to 60 sections. The Chairman stressed the fact that this will

require nearly three times the present production rate.

7. The Army member referred to a matter brought up in NIS Committee Meeting No. 95 in which Army voiced concern over the possible reduction in the foreign economic and transportation reporting by Commerce. He said that State's reply to Army's query indicated that, while Commerce did intend to discontinue the annual report summaries, there would be a more detailed and extended coverage of current reporting. The Army member stated this would be satisfactory to his department.

8. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 8 May 1951.

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